

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
receiving a consumer request for a music selection;
responsive to said consumer request, transmitting the music selection to an intermediate storage medium at a consumer site;
receiving an indication that at least a portion of the music selection has been recorded from the intermediate storage medium to a permanent storage medium located at the consumer site; and
responsive to receiving said indication, automatically charging the consumer for the music selection.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 wherein the automatically charging is done electronically.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40 further comprising:
informing the consumer that the music selection is available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium via a peer-to-peer music sharing system used by said consumer; and
providing a mechanism for the consumer to request said music selection while at a website of said peer-to-peer music sharing system.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43 further comprising:
paying an operator of said peer-to-peer music sharing system for advertising and making music available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43 wherein the informing comprises:
placing a highlight within a catalog of said peer to peer music sharing system whenever catalog selections are available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.
46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the informing comprises:
placing an icon within a catalog of said peer to peer music sharing system whenever catalog selections are available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.
47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, further comprising:
creating a profile from consumer preference information provided by said peer-to-peer music sharing system.
48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40 further comprising:
transmitting to the consumer site, for storage on a storage medium at the consumer site, information identifying music selections available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.
49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48 further comprising:
before automatically charging the consumer for the music selection, receiving an indication that the entire music selection has been recorded on the permanent storage medium.
50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, further comprising:
communicating an order of said music selection to a central controller;
transferring copies of records of said order to a transmission scheduler;
communicating schedules created by said transmission scheduler to a satellite uplink facility for transmission of said order; and
transmitting via satellite said order to said customer site.
51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein said order communication comprises:

an action selected from the group consisting of: using a home personal computer for ordering said music selection, using a cell phone for ordering said music selection, using a Personal Data Assistant wireless device for ordering said music selection; ordering said music selection is via wireless application protocol.

52. (Currently amended) A computer readable storage medium having computer executable instructions stored thereon, the instructions comprising:

instructions to receive a consumer request for a music selection;

instructions to transmit, responsive to said consumer request, the music selection to an intermediate storage medium at a consumer site;

instructions to receive an indication that at least a portion of the music selection has been recorded from the intermediate storage medium to a permanent storage medium located at the consumer site; and

instructions to automatically charge, responsive to said indication, the consumer for the music selection.

53. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 52, wherein the instructions to automatically charge comprise instructions to automatically charge electronically.

54. (Canceled)

55. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 52, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to inform the consumer that the music selection is available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium via a peer-to-peer music sharing system used by said consumer; and

instructions to provide a mechanism for the consumer to request said music selection while at a website of said peer-to-peer music sharing system.

56. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 55, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to pay an operator of said peer-to-peer music sharing system for advertising and making music available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

57. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 55, wherein the instructions to inform comprise:

instructions to place a highlight within a catalog of said peer to peer music sharing system whenever catalog selections are available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

58. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 55, wherein the instructions to inform comprise:

instructions to place an icon within a catalog of said peer-to-peer music sharing system whenever catalog selections are available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

59. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 55, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to create a profile from consumer preference information provided by said peer-to-peer music sharing system.

60. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 52, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to transmit to the consumer site, for storage on a storage medium at the consumer site, information identifying music selections available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

61. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 60, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to, before automatically charging the consumer for the music selection, receive an indication that the entire music selection has been recorded on the permanent storage medium.

62. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 61, the instructions further comprising:

- instructions to communicate an order of said music selection to a central controller;
- instructions to transfer copies of records of said order to a transmission scheduler;
- instructions to communicate schedules created by said transmission scheduler to a satellite uplink facility for transmission of said order; and
- instructions to transmit via satellite said order to said customer site.

63. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 62, wherein said order communication comprises an action selected from the group consisting of: using a home personal computer for ordering said music selection, using a cell phone for ordering said music selection, using a Personal Data Assistant wireless device for ordering said music selection; ordering said music selection is via wireless application protocol.

64. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

- a means for receiving ~~mechanism configured to receive~~ a consumer request for a music selection;

- a means for transmitting ~~mechanism configured to transmit~~ the music selection, responsive to said consumer request, ~~the music selection~~ to an intermediate storage medium at a consumer site;

- a means for receiving ~~mechanism configured to receive~~ an indication that at least a portion of the music selection has been recorded from the intermediate storage medium to a permanent storage medium located at the consumer site; and

- a means for automatically charging ~~mechanism configured to automatically charge~~ the consumer for the music selection, ~~the automatically charging responsive~~ in response to receiving

the indication that at least a portion of the music selection has been recorded on the permanent storage medium located at the consumer site.

65. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 64 further wherein the means for automatically charging mechanism is configured to automatically charge electronically.

66. (Canceled)

67. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 64 further comprising:
a means for transmitting mechanism configured to transmit to the consumer site information identifying available music selections for recording on the storage medium.

68. – 70. (Canceled)

71. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 64 further comprising:
~~a transmitter configured to transmit~~ means for transmitting, for storage on a storage medium at the consumer site, information identifying music selections available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

72. (Canceled)

73. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, further comprising:
means for informing the consumer that the music selection is available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium via a peer-to-peer music sharing system used by said consumer; and
means for providing a mechanism for the consumer to request said music selection while at a website of said peer-to-peer music sharing system.

74. (New) The apparatus of claim 73, wherein the means for informing comprises:

means for placing a highlight within a catalog of said peer to peer music sharing system whenever catalog selections are available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

75. (New) The apparatus of claim 73, wherein the means for informing comprises:

means for placing an icon within a catalog of said peer to peer music sharing system whenever catalog selections are available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

76. (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

transmitting pricing information for the music selection to a customer station located at the customer site; and

periodically transmitting updated pricing information for the music selection to the customer station;

wherein the automatically charging the customer for the music selection is done in accordance with the updated pricing information.

77. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 52, further comprising:

instructions to transmit pricing information for the music selection to a customer station located at the customer site; and

instructions to periodically transmit updated pricing information for the music selection to the customer station;

wherein the automatically charging the customer for the music selection is done in accordance with the updated pricing information.

78. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, further comprising:

means for transmitting pricing information for the music selection to a customer station located at the customer site; and

means for periodically transmitting updated pricing information for the music selection to the customer station;

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